

and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Friar Point, Mississippi, and Helena, Arkansas, and for other purposes", approved May 17, 1939 (53 Stat. 747), shall be the four-year period and the six-year period, respectively, beginning on August 9, 1957.

Approved July 3, 1958.

Effective date.

Public Law 85-503

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of public airports in the Territory of Alaska", as amended.

July 3, 1958
[S. 1366]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction, protection, operation, and maintenance of public airports in the Territory of Alaska", approved May 28, 1948 (62 Stat. 277), as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 5. The Secretary of Commerce is empowered to lease under such conditions as he may deem proper and for such periods as may be desirable (not to exceed ten years) space or property within or upon the airports for purposes essential or appropriate to the operation of the airports: *Provided*, That real property within or upon the airports may be leased for purposes of erecting structures necessary or incident to the operation of the airports, for periods not exceeding fifty-five years, and any such lease heretofore made may be renewed or renegotiated for any such period."

Approved July 3, 1958.

Public Law 85-504

JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an amendment of the agreement between the States of Vermont and New York relating to the creation of the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission.

July 3, 1958
[H. J. Res. 382]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent and approval of Congress is given to the amendment by the States of Vermont and New York of the agreement between such States relating to the creation of the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission, as amended, as consented to and approved by the Congress in the joint resolutions of February 16, 1928 (45 Stat. 120), August 23, 1935 (49 Stat. 736), June 4, 1936 (49 Stat. 1472), and May 31, 1945 (59 Stat. 227). The amendment consented to and approved by this Act adds to such agreement the following articles:

Lake Champlain
Bridge Commission.
A mandatory
agreement by Ver-
mont and New York,
consent of Con-
gress.

"ARTICLE XLIV

"1. Article twenty-one and section three of article thirty of this compact or agreement as heretofore entered into between the states of Vermont and New York having stated the declared purpose of each of the contracting parties with respect to the future operation of the two highway bridges heretofore constructed by the Lake Champlain bridge commission at the time said provisions became effective, and the obligations of said commission heretofore issued having been

paid and the state of Vermont and the state of New York having been fully repaid for all the moneys advanced by them, this article shall supersede such article twenty-one and section three of article thirty and shall hereafter be controlling in accordance with its provisions.

"2. It continues to be the declared purpose of each of the contracting parties that both of said bridges will eventually be free bridges; provided, however, that until such time as said states by concurrent legislation shall provide a different method and procedure for the operation, maintenance and control of said bridges; they shall continue to be operated and maintained under the control of the Lake Champlain bridge commission, and said commission may continue to charge and collect reasonable tolls for the use of both said bridges in such amount as may be necessary in the judgment of the commission, (a) to meet all requirements for the proper operation and maintenance of the said bridges, (b) to establish a reserve fund to provide for future requirements for the proper operation and maintenance of the said bridges, and (c) to defray the expense of preliminary studies and surveys as to the feasibility of constructing a new highway bridge, and approaches, across Lake Champlain from a point in the vicinity of Plattsburgh in the state of New York to a point in Grand Isle county in the state of Vermont.

"ARTICLE XLV

"Such commission shall have the power to apply to the Congress of the United States, or any department of the United States, for consent or approval of this agreement or compact, as amended, but in the absence of such consent by Congress and until the same shall have been secured, this agreement or compact, as amended, shall be binding upon the state of Vermont when ratified by it and the state of New York when ratified by it without the consent of Congress to cooperate for the purposes enumerated in this agreement or compact, and in the manner herein provided and for all purposes that it legally may be."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolution is expressly reserved.

Approved July 3, 1958.

Public Law 85-505

AN ACT

To provide for the leasing of oil and gas deposits in lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. That, when used in this Act—

(a) the term "lands beneath nontidal navigable waters in the Territory of Alaska" means (1) all lands within the boundaries of the Territory of Alaska which are covered by nontidal waters that are navigable under the laws of the United States, up to the ordinary high-water mark as heretofore or hereafter modified by accretion, erosion, and reliction. For the purposes of this definition and this Act, streams shall be "nontidal" at all points upstream from a line connecting the headlands at the mouth or mouths of such streams.

July 3, 1958
[H. R. 8054]

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Leasing of oil
and gas deposits.